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SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE OTHER PREMISES
FOR THE SOVIET CONSULATE-GENERAL (1945)

From: NEW YORK

To: MIKHAILOV

No: 1458

16 Sept. 52

Special.
To MIKHAILOV [1]

With reference to Comrade MIKHAILOV's [1] telegram No. 1454 [a] I would like to repeat the request that you should give your support in every possible way in the matter of removing the Consulate-General from the building it occupies and of acquiring the building mentioned in Comrade MIKHAILOV's telegram, which is the only one that is suitable from our special point of view.

In my letters I have pointed out the danger the Consulate-General is in in respect of the safe-guarding of State secrets. Now this danger has markedly increased. It is no accident that the house where our hostel was in has been sold, [3 groups unrecovered] namely a restaurant and bar, although the building is ill suited for these purposes. This goes to show that the local Intelligence means to achieve the complete encirclement of the Consulate-General building. If we continue to remain in this house, we are subjecting to great risk the business of all [1 group unrecovered].

Taking into consideration the amount of secret materials of neighbouring [1 group unrecovered] and the fact that in the near future the premises of the Secret Cipher Department (SSbO) will be completely insecure from either side of the building, I must again warn you that, should the local Intelligence attempt to penetrate the building of the Consulate-General, the duty officers in the

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Secret Cipher Department will be deprived of the physical possibility of taking the necessary measures and further of completely destroying compromising material as all advantages for stopping this will be on the side of the intelligence."

In view of the sale of the above-mentioned house the moving of the Secret Cipher Department according to our plan loses its point as the house which formerly served as a partial defence for the Consulate-General building is now being turned into just as much of a threat as [t group unrecovered] from the other side of our building

Dmitriev (iii)

Note: [a] External Serial Number of NEW YORK message of 15th September 1945 published as 3/NYP/T1056.

Comments: [i] REZHIK : Head of Cipher Department at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in MOSCOW.

[ii] MIKHAILOV : Acting Soviet Consul-General in NEW YORK.

[iii] DMITRIEV : Presumably Head Cipher Clerk at Soviet Consulate General in NEW YORK.

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